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Claim Amendments

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) A polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material comprising:

aggregations of nodes;

short fibrils $\underline{\text{multidirectionally}}$ interconnecting the nodes $\underline{\text{in the aggregations}}$ to form expanded aggregations; and

long fibrils interconnecting the aggregations.

- (Original) The material of claim 20 wherein the long fibrils have average lengths of about 100 to 1000 microns.
- 22. (Original) The material of claim 20 wherein the long fibrils have average lengths of about 500 to 1000 microns.
- 23. (Original) The material of claim 20 wherein the short fibrils have average lengths of about 10 to 30 microns.
- 24. (Original) The composite article as recited in claim 20, wherein the aggregations have densities of less than about 2.0 grams per cubic centimeter.
- 25. (Original) The composite article as recited in claim 20, wherein the nodes have densities of about 2.0 to 2.2 grams per cubic centimeter.

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- 26. (Currently amended) A polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material comprising:
 - expanded aggregations of nodes, the nodes being <u>multidirectionally</u> interconnected by fibrils having average lengths of about 10 to 30 microns;
 - long fibrils having average lengths of about 500 to 1000 microns interconnecting the aggregations;
 - the aggregations having densities of less than about 2.0 grams per cubic centimeter; and
 - the nodes having average densities of about 2.0 to 2.2 grams per cubic centimeter.